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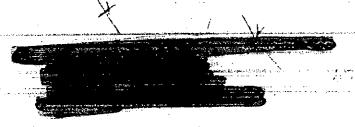
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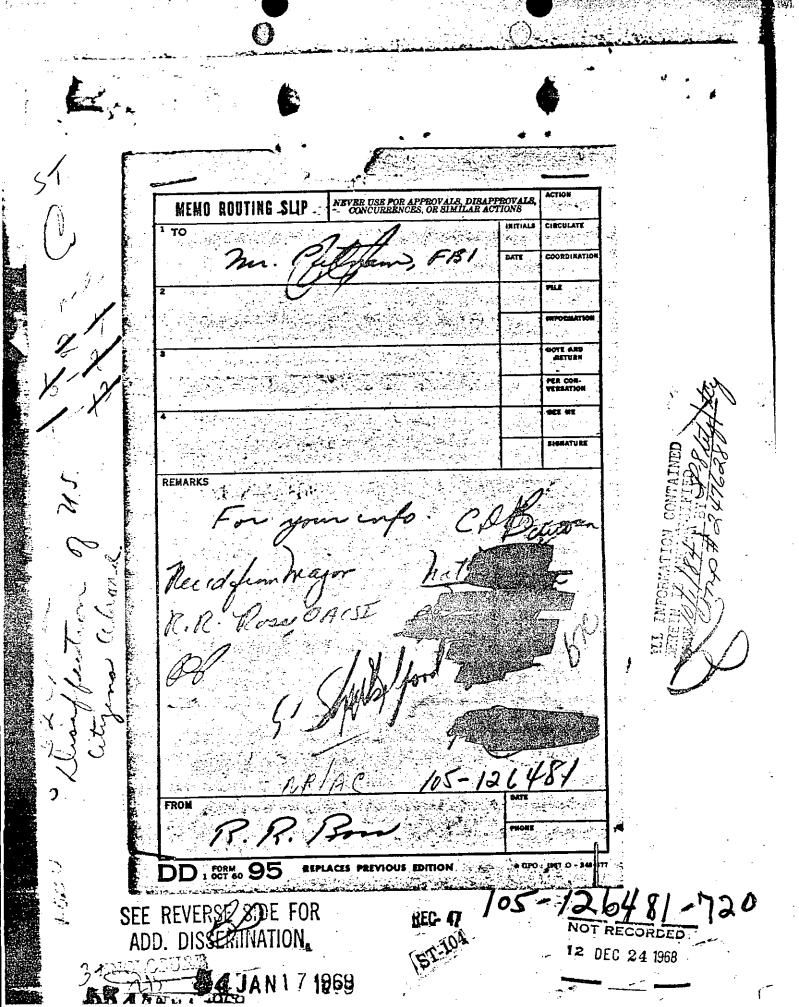
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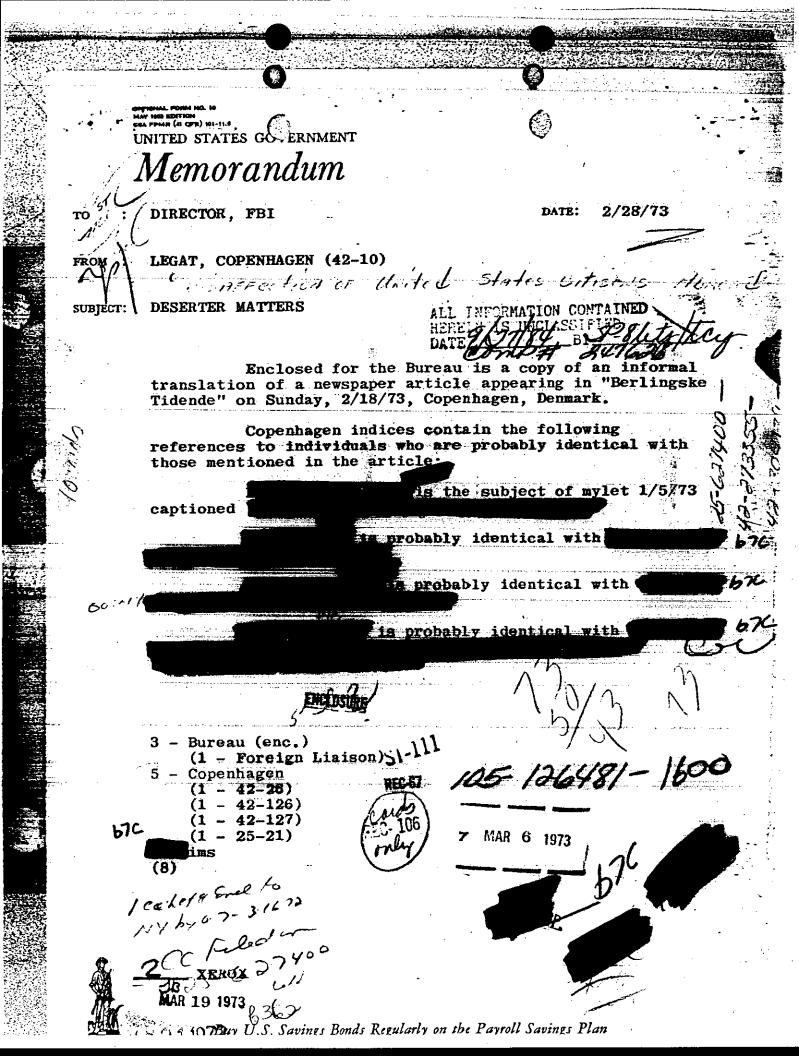
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The deserters hage but one thing in mind: Back home again.

The Swedes have, certainly, given them a liberal reception, but they feel very isolated and alien.

5y: Jens Thomsen, BERLINGSKE TIDE:DE's special correspondent in Stockholm.

If the American POWs in North Viet Nam have felt time to be long, it will still longer for the 475 American deserters in Sweden.

- Let them just become aquainted with meat-balls and ice-hockey, said an American radio commentator recently in a comment on President Nixon's address in Ohio. Nixon gave no hope for amnesty for the 475 deserters the with a few exceptions - have but one wish: To return home to the USA they turned their back upon es soldiers.

The first reaction to the cease-fire in Viet Nam and President Nixon's rejection of a general amnesty for the deserters, has split the 175 Americans in Sweden into two camps: The one fraction Up from exile still hopes for milder winds from The White House. The other group, A.D.C. (American Deserters Committee) does not wish to return home to a USA (who does not understand them and their motifs for deserting the the army.

- To desert can be done in 20 seconds. A life in exile may be for a lifetime, says Desmond Carragher, who deserted his unit shortly before America's military interference in Indo China.

Desmond Carragher did not believe in any amnesty and applied for Swedish citizenship. Carragher, who was born in England and later aquired American citizenship, became a Swede last week. He is married to a Finnish girl and has a child.

Lewis Siron, aged 28, is the leader of the Up from Exile Movement. He is living together with a Swedish girl in a nice 3-room apartment in Spanga, outside Stockholm.

Simon resolved to desert on Christmas Eeve 1969. He was then serving a four years service in Army Security Agency in Fort Devens, Mass. It is the electronic intelligence agency of the army, where, i.a., the crew of the "PUERLO" the spy-trawler later on caught, was trained in electronic estionage technique.

- I had the luck of having been abroad and therefore I had a passport. I sought Christmas leave and went home to my parents in New York.
Nobody knew about my plans. I am the first one who has deserted from Fort
Devens - and nobody stopped me, when I bought a plane ticket from Idlewill
to Stockholm, he sayd.

Simon will on Monday as spokesman of "Up from Exile" group go to Paris to attend an amnesty conference with representatives of the American peace groups.

I for my part entertain no great hopes for returning home. In Fort Devens I had spoken clearly against the war in Viet Nam and I expected every minute to be court-martialled. In Army Security Agency - which was considered to a place for the privileged, the threat was always hanging over our heads that we might mh be transferred to the Infantry - and consequently to the war.

Michael Rowers, aged 23, and head of the more leftist deserter organization, A.D.C., has no illusions either.

- Many of us are yearning for returning home. In Sweden we have not been met with the understanding that we had hoped for. There is racism in .

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a matter of amnesty, of returning home to the family, but of changing the Arerican community. We wish the USA to punish people who have committed war crimes in Viet Nam, and to assume its responsibility for the war. Then we can talk of amnesty.

American Deserters Committee cooperates in Sweden, i.a. with the South Vietnamese Liberation Front, the Falestinean Liberation Front and many other movements which, in Power's opinion, are combatting aggression.

- But is the Palestinean Liberation Front not an organization which has terrorism as part of its progrem; how een A.D.C. sympathize with the PFIN?
- We have no objection to war. We did not desert because we are soldiers or were to be called up, but because we found that the USA's engagement in Viet Nam was an aggression against the Vietnamese people. We also find terrorrism to be a legal means of fight against oppression.

Michael Powers states that, A.D.C. in Sweden in October sent members to a secret meeting in Copenhagen with American sympathizers who were on leave from service in Germany. A.D.C.-people took part in the purely manual office work in connection with the international Viet Nam Tribunal in the K.Z. Hall, and mete there the North Vietnamese witnesses.

- The meeting was kept secret, because we wished to avoid reprisals against the American soldiers who participated, and who are still serving im Germany. Since 1969, we have not from the A.D.C. encouraged desertion from the units in Germany. In lieu thereof we are trying to infiltrate the barracks and to vindicate our viewpoints. We have still our underground fugitive organization intact in Copenhagen. This organization assists people who feel persecuted by the army in Germany, and sees to it that they can get safely to Sweden. Before 1969, the greater part of the deserters passed Copenhagen on their way from Germany to Sweden.

Originally, there were 700 American deserters - or opponents to war as they name themselves, - in Sweden. From this "forgotten" army only 475 are left now. Knny of them reported at the American Embassy in Stockholm, asking to be sent back home - regardless of the consequences. Others have departed for Canada, from where someones have sneaked into the USA via the Canadian border.

Some of them have got relatively mild sentences, othere were sentenced to several years of imprisonment; but the punishment is not ended, wher the prison-door opens up - we are considered to be traitors, Desmond Carragher states.

- Once the military authorities have branded a man a "dishonorable soldier", he may be left with a right of vote, without a passport, indeed even without a driver's license. And one must live with one's feeling of guilt.

The Swedish Government has not granted political asylum for the 475 American deserters. They are not considered to be political refugees. They have merely been granted a temporary asylum, the female American counsel says Madine Taub, married to a Swedish professor of mathematics. Mrs. Taub is legal solvier for the American groups of deserters and is closely connected with the whole circle that convenes every Tuesday for a cheap meal (Kr.3.50 per meal) in a small church in Stockholm, The room is called Alternative (Stomach and is financed by the Swedish Government via the Y.A.C.:...

- I am under the impression that, the greater part would return home; if they could do without risk of being punished. Very few only have been able to adapt themselves to the Swedish way of life, Mrs. Taub says.

23 Fitzgerald clearly expresses the feelings that imbue the deserters. Fitzgerald's father is working in the US Department of Defense:

- To begin with, he was at a loss to understand why we deserted. Today he writes me encouraging letters, and would like to get me back, if I so wished. But I have no wish to return home as a criminal. I do not feel I have committed anything criminal. In addition, it would seem as if I admitted to have done schething wrong. But I should like to return home. I feel included here, and in spite of its defects, America is my home.

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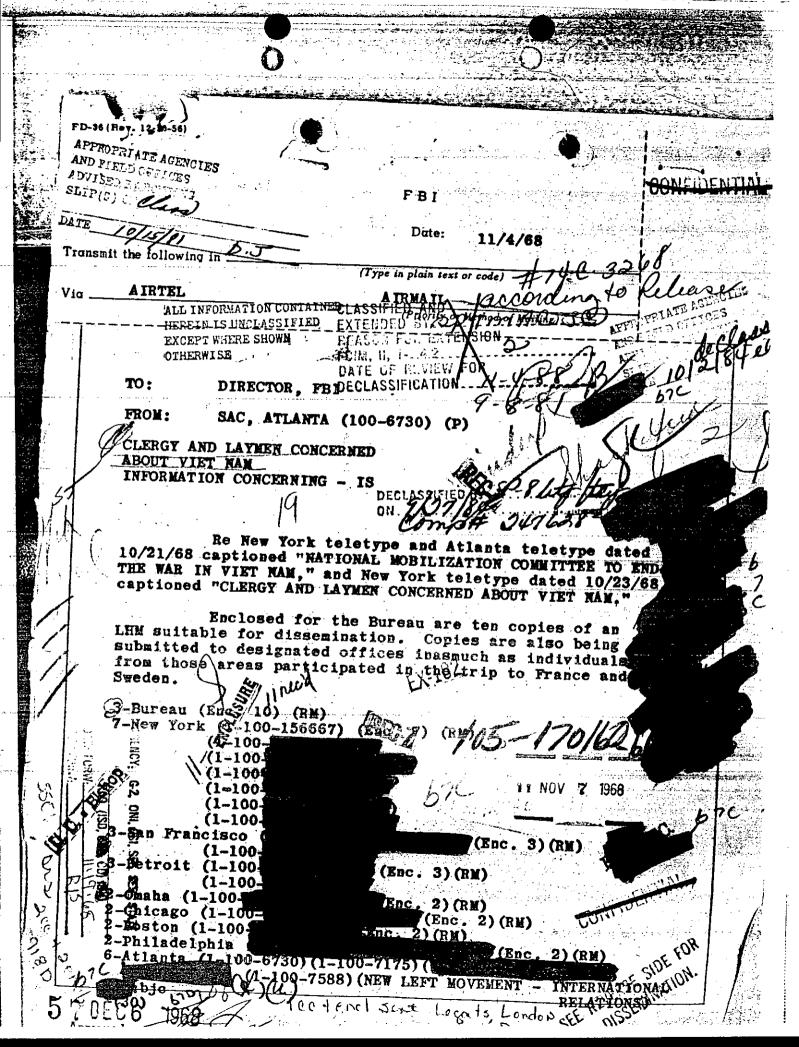
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The following information was furnished on November 1, 1968, by a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On October 24, 1968, a group of clergymen and laymen concerned about Viet Nam left the United States by Air France at 7:00 p.m. en route to Paris. This group arrived in Paris early on the morning of October 25, 1968, and checked in at the Hotel du Quai Voltaire. On October 25, this group met with deserters and resisters who fled to France. On the evening of October 25, 1968, the group attended a reception which was sponsored by the Viet Nam Peace Committee, identified by the source as a Socialist oriented group in Paris.

On the morning of October 26, 1968, several members of the group met with D. R. V., The Press Secretary. This group represents North Viet Nam at the peace talks in Paris. In the afternoon, another delegation from the group met with members of the National Liberation Front (NLF). The group that met with the D. R. V. were briefed about peace talks which are pending in Paris. The group that

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met with the NLF had a long discussion about the Viet Nam war. This group contended that there were no Communists in the NLF. They also stated that they would accept a coalition government in Viet Nam, but felt that they could not work with South Vietnamese leaders THIEU and KY since THIEU and KY are American puppets. The individuals representing the NLF also stated they had the upper hand in the Viet Nam war and that there were no major differences with them and with the North Viet Nam government. They stated the United States would have to do more than the stopping of the bombing to bring about peace.

Following this, the individuals in the group then visited with friends in the city and had supper with individuals representing the Union of Draft Resisters and Deserters.

On October 27, 1968, at 11:00 a.m. the group left Paris for Stockholm, Sweden. The plane stopped en route in Copenhagen, Denmark and arrived at Stockholm at 2:30 p.m. The group was met at the airport by the American Deserter Committee and were taken directly to an auditorium for a meeting in which a number of people made speeches. People who spoke were both deserters and members of the traveling group. Following this the group had dinner and then they went to the homes of their hosts, with whom they would live while in Stockholm. In some instances, the hosts were prominent Swedes and in other instances were American deserters and draft resisters.

On October 28, 1968, this group met with the American Deserters Committee. The source stated that there is a total estimate of 169 American deserters in Stockholm at the present time. At this meeting they had a text reception, and a discussion. It was accomised by the

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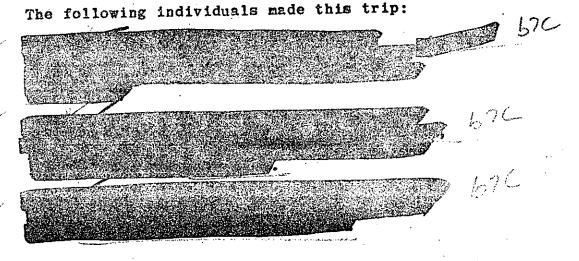
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of the group and some of the deserters and Swedish individuals who were interested in the deserter movement. On the evening of October 28, 1968, several of the delegation visited with Swedish church officials.

On October 29, 1968, the delegation met at the office of the American Deserters Committee and participated in a working session where they discussed the welfare of the deserters. The discussion centered around the deserters well being, his family, and whether or not he wished to return to the United States.

On October 30, 1968, the delegation went to see the Minister of the Interior and the Aliens Commission of Sweden. This group thanked the Swedish government for the way the deserters had been received and for the granting of humanitarian aslyum. They discussed generally the problems of the deserters, their language inability, and the acquisition of work permits.

Following this the group then left for New York.



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Characterizations of SDS and SNCC are attached

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The source further stated that

is the organizer

for the American Deserters Committee in Stockholm, Sweden.
The source stated that advocates using deserters to entice other deserters and is believed by the source to be subversive against the best interests of the United States.
The source stated that appears to have a lot of personal ambition and appears to be a Maoist and an extreme Marxist-Leninist.

In connection with the source stated that all members of the delegation referred to above with the exception of were opposed to the activities of

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"NEWSREEL

The following information has been received from the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters, U. S. Army Europe:

"Newsreel" first appeared in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) in July, 1969, and has since sponsored a series of film-discussion meetings for American servicemen on "racism," the war in Vietnam, and alleged military (*) appression of civil liberties. Although the organization has contact with the Second Front International in France and the American Deserters Committee in Sweden, it is not known to be involved in actually inciting American servicemen to desert.

The "Newsreel" organization consists of a staff of between ten and fifteen persons, using the mailing address Box 2441, Frankfurt, FRG, This is also the address of an organization of "leftist" German nationals called the Socialist Club. The German organization allows "Newsreel" to use its premises at Fichardstrasse 38 in Frankfurt for occasional meetings. The Main base of "Nevergel" operations. If however, is the "leftist" Lub veltaire, which is located. Rieinehochstrasse of in Frankrip.

Prom Inly 1969, to March 1 1976, "Newsreel" spensored some 45 film-discussion meetings in 14 civies." In the total attendance of about 700 to 750 kmey/can service. en. Various items of pro-Black Panther Party and anti-U. S. military propagands were distributed at the meetings

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